

SWC Healthcare Preparedness Advisory Coalition (HPAC) Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2019

Bismarck-Burleigh Public Health / West Conference Room

Present at meeting: Crystalynn Kuntz, Kalen Ost, Valerie Vinchattle, Becky Ternes, Doris Weiss, Janessa Vogel, Roxanne Eggers, Shannon Lennie, Kendra Roeder, Annette Staael, Claire Henke, Rebecca Nelson, Stacy Benz, Bruce Kallis, Marlys Harrison, Shauna Schumacher, Scott Osadchuck, Jolene Lunde, Kathy Seidel, April Bishop, Tammy Theurer, Andrew Cartmill, Kirk Greff
Via IVAN: Kidder County, Steele: Jean Bon; Emmons County, Linton

AGENDA

➤ Crisis Communication

- Power Point Presentation – Healthcare Communication Crisis Plan (see attachment)
-Crisis-Communication Plan Guidance and HIPAA Flow Chart (See attachments)
Discussion about active shooter exercise and planning, work with local law enforcement.
- Power Point Presentation – Handheld Radio and Press Release 101 Training (see attachment)
-Press Release 101 & Radio 101 Handouts (see attachments)
Discussion about types of radios (communicate with just one another or ability to communicate with the State Emergency Services).

➤ Exercise Planning for 2019

- Loss of Communication Exercise Plan and Scenario (See attachments)
-Tabletop Wednesday May 15 at 9:00 am at BBPH (May run more than an hour)
-Full Scale July 17 at your facility

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

➤ Current Updates

- **2018-2019 Weekly Influenza Update Week Ending 03/05/2019:** www.ndflu.com
 - **725** cases reported for the week, **5,717** cumulative cases for the season, **Widespread** Activity level. Last year at this time there were 217 cases for the week and 7,295 total cases. It is too early to determine whether flu activity has reached a peak for the current season. Most activity is due to H1N1, but the proportion of H3N2 continues to increase.
 - 16 outbreaks in Long Term Care, Basic Care, Assisted Living; 2 outbreaks in a Child care setting; and 1 outbreak in a school setting.
 - 374 hospitalizations this season, 273 deaths from pneumonia, and 7 reported deaths from influenza.
- **Mumps:** In 2018 there were 14 cases of mumps reported in ND. So far in 2019, 5 cases have been reported: 3 in Stark county and 2 in Williams county. Mumps vaccine is not 100% effective so mumps should be suspected even with a history of MMR vaccination. Mumps outbreaks can still occur in people who previously had one or two doses of MMR vaccine. This is common in close-

contact settings. High vaccination coverage helps limit the size, duration, and spread of mumps outbreaks.

- **Measles:** As of February 14, 2019 127 cases of measles have been confirmed in 10 states. This includes outbreaks in 2 New York counties, and Washington State. Preliminary data shows that ND rate for MMR vaccination for Kindergarten entry for the 2018-2019 school year was 93.8%, and the goal is at least 95%.
- **Hepatitis A:** In January 2019, the NDDOH received a report of a confirmed case of hepatitis A in Ward county. This case is not associated with international travel. The case recently moved from an area of the US currently experiencing an outbreak occurring among homeless individuals and people using injection and non-injection drugs. Hepatitis A is highly transmissible, primarily person to person through the fecal oral route. Someone sick with hepatitis A is most likely to spread the virus during the 2 weeks before feeling sick and for 8 days after jaundice onset, or of no jaundice 2 weeks after the disease onset.

➤ **In the News**

➤ **Trends**

ROUNDTABLE SHARING

- NDDDES Website Training: <https://www.nd.gov/des/training/>
- G290 Basic Public Information Officer: April 16-17, 2019 in Bismarck
- CMS Training April 24 in Bismarck. Registration deadline April 12, 2019. Everyone has to register separately and no more than 40 participants will be allowed to participate.
<https://www.health.nd.gov/epr/fseinfo/>
- ND Long term care conference: May 7-10 will include an evacuation exercise.
<http://ndltca.org/education/events/42nd-annual-convention-and-trade-show/>
- CHI St. Alexius is planning a Full Scale DECON training exercise with the Civil Support Team (more details to follow).

➤ **Next Meeting:** May 15: Table top exercise at BBPH

July 17: Full scale exercise at your facility (will not meet at BBPH)

September 18: After Action Report at BBPH

November 20